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IN PARA 8 OF REFTTEL, EMBASSY INTERLOCUTOR, ERIC DARIN, MENTIONED

HE WAS GOING OUT OF TOWN FOR CHAIR A MEETING OF THE "SALT GROUP".
THE GENESIS OF THIS GROUP AS WE UNDERSTAND IT IS THAT DURING
SALT I, WHEN US BEGAN PRACTICE OF BRIEFING ALLIES ON SALT MATTERS
AT NAC SESSIONS, SOME OF OUR ALLIES THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO
DISCUSS AMONG THEMSELVES HOW THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS IMPACTED ON
THEIR INTERESTS AS EUROPEANS. TALKS WERE HELD INFORMALLY ON
MARGINS OF REGULAR US-SALT BRIEFINGS OF THE NAC. GROUP CAME TO BE
KNOWN AS THE "PETRIGNANI GROUP" DUE TO THE CENTRAL ROLE PLAYED BY
RINALDO PETRIGNANI WHO AT THE TIME WAS CHIEF OF THE ITALIAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DISARMAMENT OFFICE. DARIN, WHO IS NOW THE MFA
COORDINATOR FOR NATO AND DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS, HAS EVIDENTLY
INHERITED THIS ROLE. BEAUDRY

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